superintendence over the vigilance administration. The Commission has issued several instructions to reduce the scope of corruption such as creating a culture of honesty, greater transparency in administration, speedy departmental inquiries in a time bound manner, prominently displaying a standard notice board at each office for educating the public not to pay bribe, effective punishment through traps, electronics clearance system and computerisation of banks, sensitising the public etc. The Central Vigilance Commission has also issued Special Chapters on vigilance management in public sector banks and public sector undertakings.

4. On the initiative of the Government, over 40 Departments undertook through expert task forces or by internal exercises, a detailed review of all laws, regulations and procedures administered by them including those involving approval of State Projects. Action has been initiated by a number of Ministries/Departments to bring about suitable amendments/modifications in or repeal of Acts and Laws being administered by them.

5. The Law Commission of India by its letter dated 4.2.1999 forwarded its 166th Report on "The Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill" to the Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs who laid the Report on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 28th October, 1999. No final view has been taken by the Government on the issue.

Discrimination in Posting of Women Officers of All India Services

83. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that women officers of All India Services are not getting adequate postings at the Centre;

(b) whether arcane procedures are acting as a hindrance in placing such officers; and

(c) what steps are proposed to enhance the representation of women at higher levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The eligibility criteria for both men and women to hold posts at the Centre are uniform, gender neutral and do not discriminate against women AIS officers in any manner.

(c) Does not arise in view of the replies to parts (a) and (b) above.

Reservation Policy for Promotion

84. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by Government to restore reservation in promotion of SCs and STs employees in fulfilment of the assurances given to them, recently; and

(b) by when restoration will be ensured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Instructions already exist providing for reservation in promotion for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe employees.

(b) Does not arise.